



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

July 22, 2009

**H.R. 1293  
Disabled Veterans Home Improvement  
and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 15, 2009*

H.R. 1293 would increase the maximum grant amounts awarded to certain disabled veterans. Those grants are used to improve access to homes and to essential sanitary facilities. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$20 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

Under current law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may award a maximum of \$4,100 to veterans with service-connected disabilities and \$1,200 to veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities. The bill would increase those maximum allowable amounts to \$6,800 and \$2,000, respectively. Based on data from VA on the number and dollar amounts of grants awarded over the 2003-2008 period, CBO estimates that under the bill almost 2,000 veterans with service-connected disabilities would receive an additional \$1,900 each year and almost 700 veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities would receive an additional \$760 each year, for an annual cost of \$4 million.

H.R. 1293 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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